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**FORMER AUBERRY, CALIFORNIA RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR
POSSESSION OF IMAGES OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

*Defendant ordered to make payment of \$5,000 to the
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children*

FRESNO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that CHARLES JOHN BARSUGLIA, JR, 55, formerly of Auberry, California, was sentenced by the Honorable Oliver W. Wanger to a federal prison term of 51-months as a result of his convictions for possession of visual depictions of the sexual exploitation of minors and for possessing firearms as a felon.

This case was investigated by agents from the California Department of Justice, including its Sexual Predator Apprehension Team, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department Computer Crimes Unit, and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, BARSUGLIA pleaded guilty on February 27, 2006 to using a computer to possess more than 600 images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, some of which were prepubescent minors. He also admitted that he had been convicted in 1973 for committing lewd or lascivious acts with a minor, and that he was restricted from owning any firearms as a result of that conviction. He admitted that on February 1, 2005, he possessed numerous firearms, including rifles, pistols, a shotgun, and a large quantity of ammunition.

Judge Wanger also ordered that BARSUGLIA be placed on a term of supervised release, during which his access to the internet, children, and firearms will be restricted. He also ordered BARSUGLIA to make a payment of \$5,000 to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia. BARSUGLIA has been in custody since March 31, 2006.

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